has been made keeping in view the different levels of risk, as well as the intensity of action involved in two situations.

Alleged crime by Army Personnel in moving train

*137. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item published in the Indian Express dated the 10th December captioned, "Men 'pushed' out of train into river, Army denies hand";

(b) whether any enquiry was conducted;

(c) if so, the findings of the enquiries;

(d) whether it is a fact that army personnel had indeed pushed these men, as claimed by the victim, and whether the culprits have been identified; and

(e) the action proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The investigation by Army revealed that no army personnel was involved in the incident.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Breach in PM's security

*138. SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH:
DR.T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been thrice breach in the Prime Minister's security cover;

(b) if so, what were the occasions on which these three breaches have been found;

(c) who were the persons held responsible for the breach in the Prime Minister's security;

(d)what are the steps being taken to check such type of lapses on the Prime Minister's security;

(e)whether the Prime Minister's security has now been fully reorganized; and

(f) if so, whether Government are now considering to implement all the recommendations made on 30th September, 1993 and 4th September, 1996 and increase the staff strength?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) Three incidents of breach in security during road journerys of PM took place in Delhi on 20.1.2003,28.1.2003 and 30.1.2003 respectively.

(c) For lack of briefing of subordinate staff and general negligence, one ASI of New Delhi District Police and a Head Constable of CRPF have been placed under suspension. Disciplinary proceedings have also been initiated against three other police personnel of Delhi Police for lack of alertness.

(d) After the above reported incidents, the security arrangements during road journeys of the Prime Minister have been reviewed and the concerned security agencies have been directed to strengthen the same.

(e) and (f) The review of security of the highly threatened dignitaries including the Prime Minister is a continuous process and accordingly, the same is strengthened from time to time based on the level of threat.

Reduction of ash content in Indian Coal

*139. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a)whether it/is a fact that the Coal India Limited is planning to bring down the average ash content of Indian Coal as reported in Statesman, dated the 3rd February, 2003;

(b)if so, the facts and details in this regard;

(c)to what extent the users would be benefited by this highly improved quality- coal;